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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kiyoshi SUKEGAWA et al.

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For: TRANSMISSION LINE MONITORING METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on November 27, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 27, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1 and 12 and ADD new claims 13-15 in accordance with the following:

Sub 17 1. (Once Amended) A transmission line monitoring apparatus monitoring faults occurring in a transmission line and in apparatus which are connected to the transmission line, said transmission line monitoring apparatus comprising:

a first optical coupling unit which couples a down data signal of a first wavelength and an examination signal of a second wavelength so as to transmit a first coupled signal to a lower apparatus;

a first optical dividing unit which receives said first coupled signal from said optical coupling unit so as to divide said first coupled signal into said down data signal with the first wavelength and said examination signal with the second wavelength;

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